

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as indicated below. Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-9 with the following amended paragraph:

The pellets 18 making up the chemically active filter element 16 are an important feature of the filter 10 hereof. The pellets are made with a diameter in a range of 0.1 to 3 millimeters, preferably in a range of 0.25 to 2 millimeters in order to control the interstitial spaces therebetween in the filter matrix. In another embodiment, the pellets are made with a diameter of from 0.1 to 5 mm. The size of these interstices is specially chosen and engineered to screen out most complexes which result from a reaction between combustion acids in the filtered oil and the basic conditioner of the pellets, without substantially reducing the flow rate through the chemically active filter member 16.